Charlie Monk is a renowned leader in the Nashville music community and is affectionately named the Mayor of Music Row. He has created a lasting impact in radio, song writing, record producing and television in a career spanning more than 60 years. Monk's career began at WGEA in his hometown of Geneva, Alabama while he was in high school. He then attended Troy University where he worked at WTBF radio.

In 1968, Monk moved to Nashville which propelled his career even further. His free-form music and talk show for WMTS radio was the first daily broadcast from Music Row. He joined the staff of The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) in 1970 and co-founded the Country Radio Seminar, the long-running media gathering. There, he hosted the “New Faces Show” for 40 years as it launched legends including Jason Aldean, Reba McEntire, George Strait, Miranda Lambert, Eric Church and Vince Gill. As a publisher, Monk notably fostered the careers of country music stars Randy Travis and Kenny Chesney. In 1977, he became Nashville chief of CBS Songs. He founded his own company, Monk Family Music Group, in 1983, and in 1988 he spearheaded the return of legendary publisher Acuff-Rose. During Monk's tenure, Acuff-Rose was the first publisher to win “Most Performed Song of the Year” from both ASCAP and Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) in the same year. Monk came back to radio in 2004 to host the morning show on SiriusXM's Willie's Roadhouse. Today, Monk hosts a weekend music and interview show on SiriusXM's Prime Country.

Monk is an alumnus and former board member of Leadership Music, a member of the Country Music Association, the Academy of Country Music, and the Gospel Music Association, where he formerly served as vice president. He also served as vice president of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the Nashville Songwriters Association International and as local president of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG/AFTRA). He has been inducted into the Country Radio Hall of Fame, the Alabama Music Hall of Fame and the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame. In 2017, Monk was honored by his hometown of Geneva with a street named Charlie Monk Lane. In 2021, he received the Country Music Association’s Joe Talbot Award, recognizing outstanding leadership and contributions to the preservation and advancement of Country Music's values and traditions.

Monk and his wife, Royce, have two children, Capucine and Collin.